



Dennis K. Lyon

April 23, 1941 - December 27, 2017

Dennis Carl Lyon was born in Utica, New York on April 23, 1941. Dennis' earliest childhood memories were at around age 3 or 4 as he rode across country in the cab of a tractor trailer to his grandmother in Beemer, Nebraska. Dennis never had any information about his birth mother. His grandmother, Hattie Lyon, raised Dennis until he was 6 or 7 years old. It was in Beemer that Dennis met his father, Leslie Eugene Lyon. He met his new stepmother, his sister Donna Manke and a newborn sister Rae Ome Conn.

It was Dennis' grandmother that taught him the love of God and country.

Immediately after high school graduation, he enlisted into the Navy.

During one of many Navy tours overseas, he met and married Justiniana (nee Fabian) who now resides in Corona, California. From this union, three sons were born: Eugene Leslie (Mary Ann), David Lee (Loretta) and Patrick Joseph (Martha).

From these sons were born grandchildren, Katelyn English, Dennis Kelly, Sarah Christine, Blake, Allison Rae, Jade Elizabeth, Gliana (who preceded him in death just a few months ago) and Kayla. Dennis was blessed to meet and hold his first great granddaughter, Lennox.

Chief Petty Officer Lyon traveled the seas with the Navy as a minesweeper, and later leader for 20 years. Some of his service vessels were the USS Plainview, the USS Enhance, the USS Hercules and the USS Cimarron. The Cimarron served in the Vietnam War between 1965 and 1967. It received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Vietnam Service Medal for its participation in the Vietnam Advisory Campaign, Vietnam Defense, and Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phases. In 1968, she was the oldest US Navy ship in the continuous active service, CPO Dennis Lyon took pride in his three separate tours in this historic vessel.

After his retirement from the Navy, he began his second career of 31 years with the Federal government where he worked on the Marine Corp Base in Barstow, California painting camouflage vehicles.

After this retirement, Dennis relocated to Eastpointe, Michigan and married Theresa (nee Marshall). During their marriage, he continued to cultivate his great love of bowling, fishing, and especially NASCAR.

Dennis also leaves to celebrate his life his new found daughter Robin Spraggins, two sons Kit and Rodney Spraggins, seventeen grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
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Burial

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Estella Marshall-Reed lit a candle in memory of Dennis K. Lyon* ”



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